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MAN AND WIFE team, Bill and Fran Foley, W4WME and W4BIL of Clearwater. The third member of the team is Lucky the Cat. Fran is a charter member of the FLORIDORAs and Bill past officer of the St. Pete Amateur Radio Club. Both are active on 40 and 75 SSB.

HERE WE GO AGAIN

On February 25th the Federal Communication Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, which disposes of 15 petitions that have been pending (none submitted by ARRL.) The complete text is some 10 pages long, but here is the meat of it all.

Reduce present Extra Class cw segments from 25 kHz to 10 kHz, and to expand voice privileges with a new structure as follows:

Extra Class only, 3750-3775, 7160-7175, 14150-14175, 21200-21225, 28350-28375.

Extra and Advanced 3775-3875, 7075-7100 for interregional contacts only, 7175-7225, 14175-14250, 21225-21325, 28375-28500.

General, Conditional and higher have space above 3875, 7225, 14250, 21325 and 28500 kHz.

Novice privileges, all cw, would be modified to 7100-7150,

21100-21200 and a new segment 28150-28250 kHz. Eighty and two meters unchanged.

Interested parties may comment to FCC until June 1. League members should check the full info in April QST and then convey their opinions on the proposals to their division director.

Love it or hate it, there it is. Don't forget your 15 copies.

CANADIAN TIME TICK

Don Smith, W4CQQ

The Canadian time standards station CHU broadcast a short tone at one second intervals. Then on the minute an announcer breaks through in English followed by French to announce the hour and minute in GMT. The frequencies are — 3,333 and 7,335 kHz.

Auto Tag Bill in Tallahassee

Last month on page 18, SKIP printed an open letter to all Florida amateurs from Col. Al Marcy, W4ID in regard to (House Bill) HB-85. We hope you read it, if not do it now.

If passed, this bill will authorize Citizen Banders to have call letters on their trucks, cars, etc. In so doing it will increase our amateur license plate tags 500 percent! FLORIDA SKIP has strong objection to being "tarred and feathered" with the bunch.

After reading Al Marcy's letter, if you feel as we do, then sit down and write your State Representative now. Next month will be too late.

Here are a few addresses: Chairman, Transportation Committee, Mr. T. Stevens, 405 E. Church Ave., Dade City, FL 33525. Vice Chairman, Vernon Holloway, 6444 N.E. 4th Ave., Miami, FL 33138. J. P. Chapman III, 412 Magnolia Ave.,

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Remember time is most important! Next month will be too late!

NEW CALL SIGNS

(The following info was supplied from W3GD via K4NA. Thanks to both Ed.)

You are herewith advised that amateur call letters are now being assigned preceded by the letter "W." This is in accordance with Sec. 2, Para. d of article 14 of the International Radiotelegraph Convention, Washington, 1927, which provides that the letters "W" and "K" are assigned to the United States. It has been decided that "W" will precede all amateur calls for stations within the Continental limits of the U.S. and the letter "K" shall precede all such calls for stations in the insular possessions of Alaska.

The use of the "W" before your regular call letters, however, is not to begin until October 1, 1928, after which time should be used for all transmissions. Respectfully, W. D. Terrell, Chief, Radio Division of Department of Commerce, June 22, 1928.

FOR THE EARLY BIRDS

For those of you that like to bounce out of bed (not me mister) early in the morning — try checking into the Breakfast Club net, while your coffee is brewing. These hearty souls start off around 1000 GMT. (That's 5 a.m. sir!) on 3973 kHz and go until signals (or operators) fade out each day. They welcome SSB, AM and that nasty ole stuff cw. They have a different NCS for each morning, mostly from 5 and 9 land.

The B.C. also publishes a nice lil' newspaper for a donation of \$1.50 a year. The net is country-wide and several Florida boys check in.

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Letters To Editor

The Ragchewers Net is being revived and will meet on 50.4 MC at 9:00 AM EST. Additional meets may be scheduled for later in the day and will be announced during the morning meet. Any station may join by just checking in on the net. Meetings are for rag chews and will be strictly informal and we invite everyone to join in by just breaking in.

Most of the present members are in the New Port Richey — Tarpon Springs area but welcome anyone regardless of their QTH.

73, A. Edw. (TERP) Terponing, W4VCY
Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Editor:

Enclosed please find a check for \$2.00 for a subscription for my father.

I just received my SKIP and enjoyed it as usual. Even tho its been almost 20 years since I've lived in Deland, I still see the calls of some of the guys I used to work on. I held a Knights of the Kc certificate to prove it. In the last few years of vacations in Florida I have enjoyed the 2 meter FM operation in the state.

73,

Van R. Field, W2QOI
Center Moriches, N.Y.

Editor:

Just note to tell you I really enjoy my SKIP. How about more info on Florida FM, 6 and 2 meters, frequencies, deviation limits for the stations in Florida, also 6 and 3 meter AM and SSB stations. I understand someone printed a list of 2 meter FM stations, but I don't know who to write to. Also looking for antenna polarization, power, days and times when all of these people are on the air. Your HAMBA is real OK.

73

De, W4PLO ex W3HLS

(Editor note: This Dec. try W4CKB for 2 meter listing.)

Editor:

I am sending in a change of address from my FPO to my Jacksonville QTH. It was wonderful to read the SKIP since I've been stationed here in Guam. K4B keeps me in touch with Florida and the world. I've run a lot of patches for the military here from K6NAA and a few to Jim myself. C U soon.

73

Harry Clinton K6JAF W4GWN

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GUEST EDITORIAL

THE LEAGUE IS NO RUBBER STAMP

One reason that every American radio amateur should belong to the American Radio Relay League is that as an organization, it is nobody's doormat. This is particularly true in respect to its representation of American amateurs before the F.C.C. Now, we do not mean to suggest that the League should be a "thorn in the side" on any trivial matter; but occasions arise when a matter of importance to a great percentage of American amateurs has been dealt with by the Commission in a manner which the League, speaking constructively, feels could better be handled otherwise.

A situation has developed out of F.C.C.'s ruling in Docket 15928 — the "Incentive Plan" docket — which would set aside the bottom 250 kcs. of the 50 Mc. band for holders of the Extra and Advanced Class licenses. The bottom 100 kcs. will be so restricted on November 22, 1968, and the remainder a year thereafter. To begin with, it is a safe bet that out of 100 holders of the Extra and Advanced Class licenses, you would be hard put to find more than 1 or 2 who spend any considerable time on 6 meters. To give them a special frequency segment on 6 seems futile. They need no special segment there. In fact, who does, on 6? At present, the bottom 100 kcs. of 6 is available for CW only. This not only creates a CW band for DX work under conditions of unusual propagation, when CW's advantages of readability demonstrate again CW superiority over AM and SSB, but also provides a code practice channel for the Technician Class amateur whose interest in radio is serious enough to push him up the incentive ladder to a General Class license. Where else is he going to get some on-the-air CW practice?

To the credit of the League, it has filed a tactful "Petition for Reconsideration", in which the Commission is asked to hold off on the restrictions of 50.0 to 50.25 mcs., leaving these bands as they now are. We will not repeat here the technical arguments of the League in respect to TVI potential; it will suffice to say that these arguments are based upon actual amateur experience, not on theory. It might be helpful to the Commissioners if they would get on their little teletype machine, that box with the green keys, and ask the various Field Offices throughout the country whether the amateurs are correct in saying that the higher in frequency you operate on 6 meters, the greater the possibility of interference with Channel 21.

We do not want the League to have a reputation for being obstinate; but we do want the League to stand up for what is right. If you don't belong to the League, the present stand on 6 meter frequencies is just one more reason why you should be a member.

(DARA BULLETIN — W8AP ED.)

AIR FORCE MARS

By J. R. Hopkins, Jr., WB4BND

It appears after two years, things are not going to go back to our family type nets where everyone participated every night. I'll never forget those days and having the rather dubious honor of being the first AFCA station to check in on Area net. Joe Davidson asked AF who? He's always been one of my favorite NCS's since then. The point I'm trying to make is you were made welcome and noticed, which made you feel at home and part of the whole. It's missing now-a-days and we are the poorer for it. That's progress I guess, look at all the equipment we get now as compared to then.

Don't forget the Orlando Hamfest 22 and 23 May. While no region conference is scheduled for there, we will have a meeting room set up for MARS people to get together and stir up the air. I intend to be there as well as the Region Training manager so there's a couple of us you can gripe to when you catch us. Seriously, I always enjoy this particular get



together and am looking forward to seeing all the good people up that way.

NAVY MARS

By Bonnie Wieboldt
NOPJQ WB4FSF

Navy MARS members everywhere welcomed the arrival of the new DNC 8 (A) during the month of February. These instruction manuals are very comprehensive and include all aspects of MARS communications.

The South Florida area has been honored by two major promotions of its members. Bill Rowe, NOITK has been named as Deputy Coordinator of the Antarctic Phone Patch and RTTY network. Don Street, NOPJA has assumed the duties of Training Director for the entire 8th District. Congratulations, gentlemen!

Petty Officer Neal Jenkins NOOMI has received a letter of appreciation from the Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Florida, for his effort in the installation of the RTTY system at NOQMC.

Two meter FM repeaters are being distributed throughout the 8th district, and area coordinators have been busy locating possible locations for this equipment.

NOREF has acquired a URC-40 and hopes to organize a two-meter link, so that communications throughout the

A SILENT KEY

(Mr. Ballard Edgar, W4ECM of De Funiak Springs became a Silent Key Jan. 31st. He was very active in the West Florida Phone net. Here is a story about Mr. Ballard as told by his brother James . . . W4IKB)

Edgar went blind at the age of 9 months as a result of high fever. He went to school for the blind in St. Augustine and learned how to read, type and figure in braille. Mr. Edgar started singing as a young boy in church. He also became interested in repairing radios, no job was too difficult for him to repair — outside of not being able to read the color codes on parts.

Mr. Edgar also practiced as a Chiropractor. He started a broom factory in De Funiak Springs which was destroyed by fire. He later set up a small broadcast station. He played country music and his accordion and sang over his own station.

After building his own boat and lawn chairs he got interested in short wave radio. He obtained his license W4ECM and became very active on the amateur bands. His family and friends appreciate all the short wave operators have done for Mr. Ballard Edgar. We thank you all for the wonderful work.

North Florida area can be obtained.

North Florida operators of the month are: NOZTC, NOYJC, NOQMC, and NOPBP.

There have been a number of new members in the South Florida area, which are welcome aboard! (Did not receive call signs for these this month). In the North Florida area, we have new member Wayne, NORVU of Jacksonville.

MORE ON FCC CHANGES

The Commission proposes to grandfather holders of the Extra First Class license dated prior to 1933, to the extent that the code examination for "advancement" to Extra Class will be waived. This is a partial acceptance of the League's request filed a year ago as RM-1590.

It is with regret that I report the retirements of two stalwart members of the amateur section of FCC: Everett G. Henry, W3BG, a long-term Commission staffer (Marine branch) who headed the amateur division since early 1966, and who retired earlier this month; and William S. Grenfell, W4GF, a name even more familiar to you and hams in general because of his long-time association with amateur matters, who departs the end of March. No official word yet on successors.

The Electronics Industries Association has filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission to withdraw 220-222 MHz from amateurs and make that segment available to the Citizens Radio Service. EIA proposes a new "Class E" with 25 watts allowed, 60-foot antenna height, \$3 license fee, 80 channels of 25 kHz each. EIA claims CB outperforms other volunteer services in public assistance areas.

This is the second attempt by EIA in several months to invade an amateur band. It is perhaps not so well known that EIA drafted a petition seeking 146-148 for the same purpose; it never officially saw the light of day.

(From ARRL Directors Letters)

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Q.C.W.A. CITRUS CHAPTER

By Tommy K&LV

Our Spring meeting was held March 5th at the Riviera Hotel in Holly Hill. There were over sixty members and their wives present. Everyone appeared to have a fine time.

We had a good discussion on whether to have a meeting each month or limit ourselves the present four (4) meetings per year. Elmer, BFB, Son, FFG, Law, CNV, and others expounded on the subject. Bill Waldo, our Chairman, finally had to accept a five (5) meeting per year arrangement with none in the summer months and the others divided as equally as possible throughout the year. Remember! This can be changed, if there are enough in favor of it.

New Officers were elected, who will take over at the Orlando Hamfest meeting, they are:

Chairman Bill Holdich—K&GJ
Vice Chairman Bill Waldo—W&PT
Secretary Lee Terry—W&CNV
Orlando Section Jes Price—W&CLJ
Melbourne Section Rudy Bailey—W&GL
Lake County Bud Spicer—K&FC
Daytona Section Fred Brasser—W&JZB

Our next meeting will be a luncheon, offshoot of the Orlando Hamfest on May 2nd. Don't forget your postage money, only \$1.00 this year. According to Elmer and Lee, we will welcome any Q.C.W.A. men from anywhere to meet with us. Please join us!

Furthermore, they are arranging an evening dinner for that night! The details will be announced later.

Special rates at the Hilton—get your reservations in early—May 6th is the deadline—contact the Hamfest Committee—write Newell Almond, W4YSQ.

Q.C.W.A. GATOR CHAPTER

By Frank Atlee, K&PI

The February meeting of the Gator Chapter was held at the Knollwood in Clearwater on Saturday, February 13 with a total of 51 in attendance including guests and XYL's.

Due to a bad case of flu and the rather inclement weather your correspondent was unable to attend. Vice Chairman W&CXL was also among the missing, but thanks to Chairman K> and Secretary K&PV, we received information on the meeting as well as the picnic get-together planned for March instead of the regular Chapter meeting.

By the time you read this, the March get-together will already have taken place. At this writing, a week prior to deadline for report, a total of 41 Chapter members and guests have been signed up for the trip and will drive to the town of Homosassa, from whence they will be transported by ferry nearby to the famous seafood restaurant known as the Crow's Nest. It is to be hoped that the present favorable weather will continue for this occasion.

The regular April Gator Chapter meeting will take place on April 17, again at the Knollwood in Clearwater. Since several of the present officers and members have expressed a desire to vary the location of future luncheon meetings, the possibility of other meeting places will be open for discussion at the April meeting. There are a number of Gators who formerly attended regularly, however, Clearwater is less accessible, and a change of menu and location and facilities could mean larger attendance.

Q.C.W.A.

SUNCOAST CHAPTER

Quarter Century Wireless Assoc. members on the West Coast of Florida, held an organizational meeting, March 4th, at the "Ham Shack" in Sarasota. The name of "Suncoast Chapter" was chosen, with luncheon meetings selected to be held the first Wednesday of each month.

Officers elected were: Chairman, W&GHR—Bill Soehl; Vice-Chairman, W&GJO—"Grid" Gridley and Secretary, W&DWD—Jules Bamberg.

A petition was signed by 34 members and sent to National Headquarters requesting a charter.

For further details contact W&DWD—Jules Bamberg, Secretary, 2304 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, Fla. 33577.

W&GHR—Bill Soehl

Q.C.W.A.

TREASURE COAST CHAPTER

The Treasure Coast Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Assoc. held their second meeting at the Reef Motel and Restaurant, Vero Beach, February 18th. There were 25 members, XYLs and friends present, coming from 1, 2, 3, and 4-hand as well as the locals.

W&DFZ—Grover Gaebeck, Chairman, who has been recuperating from a recent bout in the hospital, requested K&GZ—Cal Louis, Vice-Chairman, to conduct the meeting.

W&TZ—Creed Chorpensing, Secretary-Treasurer, displayed their framed Charter, recently received, to the members and reported on the status of the treasury.

KOZZR—Felon Jenkins, of Minneapolis, Minn., after a few jokes, spoke on "Our Country." He had just returned from a tour of South America, where his talks and answers to many questions, enlightened the people to all the U.S. stands for and what we are doing. He pointed out many facts of past, present and future needs that is food for thought and pleads for cooperation of each individual. KOZZR has a Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics, among other accomplishments and is sort of a goodwill ambassador for President Nixon.

The next meeting, probably in April, will be announced and election of officers will be held at that time.

Calley Soehl, W4PAV

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA RADIO CLUB

By W&BNN

The club now boasts of its fine acquisition of a Halliconfer's five band transceiver SR-150. Most all members have used it on 40 through 10 meters with fine results both DX and stateside. Next project is the construction of an 80-40 meter trap antenna for putting the club station on all bands 80 through 2 meters. The club members voted to sell the DX-100 and SB-10 equipment for obtaining a linear and some test equipment and basic maintenance tools for the station.

The USF Amateur Radio Club meets Mondays in the Shack, room 307 of the Social Science Building on the main campus of the University of South Florida in Tampa, and membership is open to any student or staff members of USF. Visitors are always welcome.

WESTERN FLORIDA NEWS

By Frank M. Butler, Jr., W4RCH

Panama: New President of FFARA in W4NOG; W&JHR was elected Vice-President and W&PKR Trustee. W&ECV has a base station on 145.94 FM. They keep HF shreds with K&USP and

K&USX. W&DHP and W&EKD wangled a Navy trip to Navassa Island. W>P is a new ham. W&PKW hopes to put a balloon in the air with a 6-meter marker beacon attached. It would send a taped test message on 51.900 MHz. The FFARA has started a crystal bank; if you need to borrow a crystal contact W&4PKW.

Fort Walton Beach: Local hams provided communications between checkpoints for the 25-mile March of Dimes MOD march. EARS had an interesting tour of local cablevision facilities, conducted by W&OMN, Chief Engineer. W&BGP was appointed OO; he took part in the last FMT. W&ZGS has his fold-over tower up, but is QRL with his trailer court.

Panama City: K&VFF is back at home for a few months, from Tennessee. W&BPNJ is a new EC for Bay County; he is also RACES RO. W&4TTR is a new Novice.

Marianna: W&4TUT just got his ticket; he is C.D. Director for Jackson County. Bristol: The county ROC is getting 2m FM gear; also W&4UEU is nearby Hosford.

Tallahassee: W&4RCI moved up from Novice to General.

SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS

By Frank Atlee, K&PI

On several previous occasions I have mentioned the above organization both in Florida Skip and at Gator Chapter meetings, and membership applications have been forwarded to eligibles, that is, former commercial radio operators or Government "brass-pounders," whether Army, Navy or Airforce. Since July 1, 1970 total membership has increased to about 700, up 50 percent, and a goal of 1000 is planned for July 1971.

A significant fact is that the Secretary-Treasurer of YWOA recently signed up.

Membership in Florida is now approximately 35, the majority on the west coast, and we would like to see a Florida Chapter which could be known as the Thomas Edison Chapter, because of his

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summer home in this vicinity, formed in the near future, with the possibility of two or three meetings a year at a convenient point to all members present and future.

Within about a month a complete news letter and membership directory of the Society will be ready for distribution, and will undoubtedly contain the names of many present and former key pushers (not necessarily ham licensed) whose names will be familiar to present and future members of the Pioneers.

Please address all inquiries to the writer at 83 - 31st Avenue, St. Pete Beach, 33706.

"VHF'ERS COLUMN"

By Frank Shannon, K4GT

This is your scribe's second installment. Last month's SKIP included our first attempt toward re-establishing a regular column for VHF'ers. It is too early to expect much response to our plea to our readers to furnish info and data on VHF nets and activities — we repeat the request for your assistance in making this column of greater interest to all. So please contribute via mail, or radiograms. Addressed direct to your scribe's home QTH.

We have just lost two of our active VHF'ERS to the Silent Keys listings — WB4LDS, Ken Evert of Tampa, (active on 5 and 2 both AM and SSB) and K4DCR, Kendall Morse of Bradenton, who was mostly active on 2 meter FM. We will surely miss them both!

Your scribe recently purchased two store-bought type 2 Meter FM Xceivers. A Drake (Japanese made) ML-2 and a Clegg 22'er FM job. The Drake is xtal-controlled, both transmit and receive, on it's 12 channels, with approximately 10 watts output. The Clegg has a xtal-controlled tube-type xmitter with a tuneable transistorized receiver which tunes 144 MHz to beyond 148 MHz. We are absolutely a newcomer to 2 meter FM — and are we learning!

As indicated in our first column (March SKIP) 2 Meter FM is entirely a different environment — such as the lingo spoken, technical terminology in useage — the courtesy required.

Especially in useage of the 146.94 MHz, which, it appears, is the only frequency available to most of owners of converted commercial two-way gear. This is especially so for the mobilizers. It is noted that many are now adding decks to this type gear at base stations. These decks permit additional operating freqs. and of course a relief on the over-burdened 146.94.

Again, please, send me your info on activities, etc., so this column can spread itself to cover all of Florida!! C U next!

EVERGLADES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By Dick Dorst, WB4HZK

This is what is hoped to be the first of a regularly monthly column of the Everglades Amateur Radio Club of Homestead, Florida. This club was reactivated last year, and meets on the second Friday of every month at the Dade County Agricultural building, at the corner of Redland Road and Biscayne Blvd., at 20:00 hours. We are now two months into the second year of our operation.

In January the Everglades Amateur Radio Club elected as its president Paul Steves WA4DCJ, Vice President Dick Dorst, WB4HZK, Treasurer Harry Cudney, K4CAA and as Secretary, Jack Roberts, K4YVK.

Our first year was spent mainly in getting re-organized and building this club back up in membership, during the past year we also have had many enjoyable tours and talks from various organizations in the South Florida area, such as the tour of the Southern Bell System Micro Wave Station at Card Sound, and a very in-

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teresting talk and demonstration by the Florida Highway Patrol on the new speed control system called VASCA (Visual Average speed computed and recorded).

Our main objective this year was the installation of our club radio station W4SVI and the erection of a seventy foot tower at the club site. The tower and the two meter equipment was generously donated to the club by our past president John Taylor, W4HMF. Various members of the club have spent many hours of their spare time in the past four weeks in the dismantling of the tower and the equipment at John's house and the installation and erection of the equipment at the club site.

In the upcoming year the club has plans for many interesting talks and movies such as the one given at the club meeting last month by Bill Cuppage W4YBK on the history of transistors and their application in the field of amateur radio.

Plans are now being formulated for a picnic and outing for club members and their families in the near future, and also a guided tour of the Florida Power and Light atomic power plant at Turkey Point, Florida. Also plans are being worked out by John Price, W4EOL, for the club participation in the upcoming field day.

DELTONA HAM NEWS

By Jack Six, W4YPA

Deltona CD net still doing a good job with good attendance. We now have in addition to our regular net on 10 meters K4CCX and K4EZE checking in on 6 meters. They copy our simulated emergency traffic on 10 meters and QSL by 6 meters to one of our regular 10 meter members.

W4VSO, Nat, paid me a visit as an ambassador from the Miami QCWA meeting, to thank me for starting the Sunday QCWA net.

Deltona CD net had simulated emergency hurricane Jan 30th and 31st. Handled several messages in and out of Deltona.

W4YPA and K4MY handled several in and out of California during the earth quake Feb. 9th. W4YPA was able to get phone patches for some relatives in the



OPERATING FROM THE Highlands County Fair, is Phil McMaster, W1BCZ of Lake Placid. Phil was busy sending fair traffic on all nets. (A 21 inch fan in February?) Also featured was ARRL certificate, AREC and RACES. Radio Station WSEB even gave us some favorable air time. Interviewing W4KOH about the Floridians. Good show chaps!

quake area. Mention was given in local paper.

K4OER of DeBary handled traffic and was active in the DeBary Hobby Show and handled many messages from there. He also was given mention and a picture in the local paper!

Deltona CD group is now giving code practice after the weekly meetings. We are glad to hear of the interest shown in these practice sessions.

Have a good day all and be born anew everyday with the hope to enjoy every minute of it. Remember worry is like a rocking chair, it will give you something to do, but won't get you anywhere.

ORLANDO RAMBLINGS

By Hal, W4BKC

Well, the Orlando Hamfest is fast approaching and we have secured a few

items from the Chairman, "Monty" K4VFE, which might answer a few of the questions that will be asked.

There will be special rates at the Hilton for those who stay there. These may be obtained by addressing your request for rooms to — Orlando Amateur Radio Club Inc., P.O. Box 12387, Orlando, Fla. Write "room reservations" on the envelope please. These will be confirmed by the club Housing Committee and when you get your confirmation, bring it with you and present it at the Hilton Desk. Monty said that May 6, 1971 will be the deadline for advance reservations so hop to it so you won't be disappointed.

Info on rates will be in "SKIP" full page ad. Monty also said that the Three Main Prizes will be Drake TR4 with AC supply and speaker; Drake STR 4 Communicator Receiver and a Drake 2M FM VHF Transceiver. You do not have to be present to be eligible to win any of the above.

FLORIDIA YLS

By Cathy Sehl

W4BAV AREA ARNS

ROMAS — Libby Auer, of St. Louis, visited K4RHL — Ellie Horner and on Feb. 15th the girls took off for a trip to Bermuda. A rig was to be set up for them in their room.

W4BXR — Clara Stables congrats on nice picture and articles in SKIP.

W4UR — Min and K4VNA — Walt.

Cook, who recently moved to Lake Mary, went for a ride and upon their return found their house had been entered and missing was his HW-12 Transceiver, gun, safe with bonds and personal records, etc., estimated loss \$600. A few days later Walt was called to the P.O. to be advised their P.O. Box had been burglarized.

W4EHN — Betty Coleman and OM — Clem leave May 8th on a trip, with the Strine, flying a 747 to Hawaii. Her first trip was in 1958, when she was a Wager with Clem by passing her General Class License. Betty can defend herself now, having taken a Police Protection course.

K4RHL — Ellie Horner is planning a Mediterranean cruise on her daughter's yacht in April. Ellie hopes to be Maritime Mobile. Also Ellie soon to be a grandmother for the 9th time.

K4HSC — Meg Heaton and OM — Gordon, as they watched a storm, saw their boat suddenly picked up and put down in the middle of the Lake by a small twister. Lost only stopper and tank gas.

CLARA (Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Assoc.) ran a full page history of the Floridians YLS, together with our emblem, in the "The Clarion." It is a very informative Bulletin. They are publishing all the YL Clubs around the world.

Hope to see all May 16 — SPARC Hamfest and May 22-23rd Orlando Hamfest.

THE FORT PIERCE RADIO CLUB INC.

By Bill Craine, W4MIQ

This month proved to be very profitable for the Fort Pierce Radio Club. We have added two prospective novices to our club roster and added a newly licensed advanced class up in place of a novice. Art Hecht, W4LME (ex W4LME), received his new call sign this month after taking his General and Advanced tests at the Hamfest Sunday morning in Miami. Congratulations!

Also one of our old members has returned to Ft. Pierce to stay. Bill, W4MIQ is who we are speaking of. Bill will be back on the air very soon and he promises a trip to Miami on his first Thursday off to take his General exam.

For our activities this month we plan to have a cookout. We will probably bring our gear out with us so we can chew the rag some after we eat. Also we are getting some other ideas about setting up a portable station at the Shopping Center here in town to publicize our activity. Then from there, we'll go to the downtown mall and set up the next day.

We are once again beginning novice training classes. We have some interest stirred up and we would like to get these people beginning these classes their ticket by home for field day.

Everyone at the club is starting tentative plans for the Orlando Hamfest. We ought to have just as good representation at the Orlando affair as we had at Miami.

Don't forget about the Treasure Coast Net (TCN) on 3.74 MHz Wednesday at 7:45 PM (0045Z Thursday). Hope to see you all there. 73

TAMPA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

By Frank Starnon, W4GT

Some 1,210 messages were originated by visitors attending the Florida State Fair. They were handled by TARC members over our club station, W4DUG, installed in our display booth located in the main building on the fair grounds.

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activity has continued annually from 1927. The World War II years caused the only interruption in TABC's participation — the Fair was not held during these war years. This historical information was furnished by our well known "Old Timer," John Fogarty.

Our February 15th meeting was devoted mostly to discussions regarding improvements recommended for future TABC participations in future Florida State Fairs. A real "critique" was held — and though it got a bit "hot," at times — we did not require the services of the "Master-at-Arms"!!!

Election of a new slate of officers and board of directors was held at our March 1st regular meeting. Frank Ziegler, K4EUK, is our new President. He has held many call-signs down through the years, mostly caused by numerous military transfers during his long career in communication-officer assignments in USAF.

The following officers were elected to team-up with Frank: Dan Reynolds, VP.; O. G. Dodson, Sec'y; John Munro, Treas.; Board of Directors: — Sisson, Miller, Fischer, Van Patten, Holleyhead, Withersun, and Gordon Callendar. C U next SKIP! K4GT

BROWARD A.R.C.

By Jim Wilson, W4GDE

Another big Auctioneers is now history. Members of both Broward and Hollywood A.R.C. worked hard to help everyone there get a good deal. We hope they did.

Our code and theory class is off to a good start with 10 students. They meet Tuesday and Wednesday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Warfield Park Fellowship, N.W. corner of Andrews Ave. and Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale. Some are working for Novice tickets. Some are aiming at General or Advanced. Instructors are Zane McCreary, W4AKX; Floyd Lindsay, K4MV; Larry Young, K4LXV; Ed Ballantine and Cliff Decker.

This class has in it someone extraordinary. Student Leonard Pratt, a retired jet pilot, at present holding a Novice license, is going to sail around the world. He's hoping he can get his general ticket in time so that he can leave before the hurricane season. He is Danville with celestial navigation. His son, also in the class, will sail with him. Maybe we'll work him off the coast of Samoa.

We were saddened by the recent death in N.H. of our old friend Ed Wheeler, W1CDT, who as a charter member of our club added much thru the years.

BRANDON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

By Gene Burton, W4YNW

At the March BARS meeting, Don, K4EDA, reported on the work he has been doing toward incorporating the club. The program was given by Alina, W4YNN, who explained and demonstrated the silk screen process of making QSL cards.

Several BARS members attended the Hillsborough Amateur Radio Society meeting to hear TV personality Marshall Cleaver give a program on UFO's.

Guest speaker at the April 12 meeting will be Herman Winstead of the Teleprompter company, who will present a program on Cable TV.

THE FLORIDA SIDEBANDERS ASSOCIATION

By Jim Ackerson, K4PNJ

The Florida Sidebanders Association is a fraternal organization dedicated to the promotion of good fellowship. . . Since this is one of the easiest things that all of us can do — why not try to promote more of this attitude during the week and on Sunday during our meetings. A positive approach toward our fellow members isn't always easy but we should try. Remembering that one of our purposes is to promote good fellowship. Many amateurs listen to our meetings who are not members but would join if we actually went out of our way to show we were trying to fulfill the main purpose for our association. Keep this in mind before voicing an opinion or making a motion. Let's improve our image thereby encouraging others to join.

This month we want to welcome WB4DB 4, Volley; WB4QKR, Ron, W4CSH, Clintone; and WB4TCZ, Bob.

Special commendation is due the new association secretary Bill, WB4MIQ, for his thorough work.

Work has begun on setting up a swap shop at the Orlando Hamfest. Contact Dave, K4CE, if you would like to help. Some repair work needs to be done on equipment that has been donated.

One particularly persistent individual who needs a lot of credit for his good work is Bart, W4SCY, the association membership chairman. We all appreciate you.

Any Florida amateurs interested in becoming a member of our organization should check in on 3940 KHz Sunday evenings at 1700 hours EST. Why not join us?

PCARS

By Bill Armstrong, WN4RPV

Not too much has been happening at PCARC this month. Attempts are being made by several members to give base support MARS operations at Patrick AFB a shot in the arm. Hope things work out, as the program has been dragging badly.

The two meter net is getting some out-of-shots check ins. If you bow in the area or just passing through give us a call on 145.38 on Tuesday evenings after 1800 EST.

PCARS member, Ken Alleson, WA1KKT, 4 came to the aid of the Florida Childrens Home recently with the donation of a television set. Ken is stationed at Patrick AFB and is quite active on 2 meter FM.

The Novice classes at the Florida Childrens Home are progressing nicely with code giving the most problems. We hope to have some new flats on the air soon.

PLATINUM COAST ARS

By Bill Armstrong, WN4RPV

The 1971-1972 elections were held at the February PCARS meeting. The newly elected officers are: President — Don Copeland W4CH; Vice President — Tiny Winner WB4EJX; Secretary — Lyn Welliver WB4RVW and Treasurer — Harry Welliver WB4KTC. There were also two members elected to the Board of

Directors: Joe Ambrose, WA4U2T and Ruth Nisson, W4BWR. Thanks to the outgoing officers for the outstanding jobs they did to further the club and amateur radio in general.

The Florida Childrens Home novice course is slowly but surely progressing toward exam time. Interest in the course was bolstered by a visit to the outstanding station of Bob Shortridge of Indianapolis. Many thanks to Bob, who unselfishly volunteered his time to demonstrate station operation to the children.

A final reminder about the PCARS 2 meter net. The frequency is 145.38 at 0630 GMT on Tuesday nights and out of club check-ins will always find a warm welcome.

COUNTRY COUSINS

By Stan Offeshutter, K4BLM

It is most gratifying to see the good turn out at our night sessions and the number of new stations checking in.

Congratulations to Bob, WB4TC2 and XYL, Mary on the arrival of their twins, a boy and a girl, making a total of six harmonies.

Heleen Duncan, XYL of Orland, W4LTW, who is our Assistant Secretary (in charge of Certificates) is at home after surgery and is improving real fine. She requested

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GATOR NET

By Ev, W4IA

Our plea for improved coverage appears to be bearing some fruit. We are happy to welcome several new reporters in places we haven't had direct outlets: W4EH, Sebring; W4DPP 4 and W4DFU, Gainesville; WB4OPL, West Palm Beach; K2GQU 4, Clearwater; W4IHHB 4, Islamorada.

We still need regular members in Orlando and Fort Lauderdale, among other points. Although we usually can relay to those missing cities via other nets, it would be great to have the Gator Net operate as a truly self-sustaining all-Florida net. So, you-all, come in when you can - 715 kHz, 630 EST. You'll get your reward in Heaven.

FLORIDA FAANET

By George Cooper, W4EH

Your FAA editor has for some time wanted to write a column about our NCS W4IVA, Paul Colby and here it is. The FAA net for the most part consists of

FAA retirees but all stations are invited and more than welcome.

Paul lives in Ormond Beach with his lovely wife Edith. Other than enjoying reading and watching TV, Paul's main hobby is amateur radio which dates back to 1922 with the unofficial call IPBC. He was first licensed as IAPP in 1936 and has held W4JVA since 1941.

The FAA net originated in 1986 by WB4AHR, Len Ballard. Paul began rounding up the net in 1967 and the net was subsequently moved from 75 to 60 meters where signals were better. The net has grown to an average of 15 members each Sunday.

Today's pilots, including Paul's son Robert R. Colby "Aircraft Commander" flying one of our giant jet tankers the KC130 has Paul to thank for many of the FAA programs in use today. By expanding the VHF UHF communications of all towers, Flight Service Stations, and ARTCCs from old-to-multi channel with remote control. Helped in the design of many of the antennas, transmitters, receivers, amplifiers, recorders. Repeating of ARTCC communications so that a controller could talk with any plane out to the limits of his control responsibilities. These are only a small list of Paul's accomplishments during his 25 years with the federal government.

Paul describes his 25 years as completely undistinguished. However, from his many friends throughout the world I think they would all agree as we would say in the Navy "WELL DONE."

FAST NET

By W4NNB

The Fast net has a new assistant manager. He is Craig, WB4LAA, in Miami. Glad to have you. We welcome WB4RGZ, WB4JP2, WB4TOR, WB4TCZ, WB4EM 4.

W4HGO, and K4CAJ into the net since January.

The entire operation of the net improved during February - mostly due to a sharp increase in traffic. WB4GHD was the most proficient NCS in handling check ins for February. Joan was followed by WB4LAA and WB4MIQ. K4SCL took top honors in passing traffic for the same period. Woody was followed closely by K4BLM and WB4GHD. Congratulations! C U next month.

THE QFN REPORT

By Dan Franklin, K4EHY

As if we did not have enough problems with the lack of spectrum space, the FCC intends squeezing our nets even closer together according to the recent proposed rulemaking. Hopefully, every net member will make his voice heard on the subject. The Florida education, training and

recruiting program of the QFN has been progressing very well. W4IYT along with members of QFN W4FFP, W44OH0, WB4SMA, WB40MG, W44ABY, WB4LAA, K4KE, K4EHY and others have been appearing on 3940 KC Wednesday nights at 8 pm for the past two months, bring a little bit of QFN to the fore bands. The program seems to be going over well, but so far we have no recruits from it. The Novice training program is going smoothly, with Mac, W4FPC, sending out a personal letter to newly licensed novices and Al, W4DJ, sending them a radiogram. K4YSN, Tandy, is helping with the on the air activity on the Novice Hurricane Training Net. K4EHY sends out to new checkins on QFN an instruction sheet for cw net operating, as well as info for NTS regional net operation and NCSing.

QFN Net Certificates have been issued to K4GJ, W44JH, WB4JJQ, W44QVT 4.

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1.	W3CUL	4517	11.	W4FPC	287
2.	WA4IJH	900	12.	K4VFX	278
3.	W3VR/4	683	13.	W4BNE	195
4.	W44ABY	748	14.	W4DFU	161
5.	W44AHW	610	15.	W44SCK	156
6.	W49QVT/4	561	16.	W4SDR	146
7.	WB4SMA	545	17.	W4KRC	135
8.	K4FAC	518	18.	W44PWD	131
9.	WB40MG	502	19.	8R1Y/W4	125
10.	W48CZ	301	20.	W44ECY	124

TRAFFIC HOUNDS

FEBRUARY 1971

NET	QNI	Avg. QNI	QTC	Avg. QTC	Sessions
FMTN	833	34.7	656	27.3	24
QFN	887	15.8	880	15.7	56
GN	324	11.6	355	12.7	28
FAST	715	29.8	282	11.8	24
TPTN	447	18.5	251	10.6	24
ACN	174	8.3	158	7.5	21
FPTN	424	17.7	112	4.7	24
WFPN	512	18.3	52	1.8	28
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New calls heard on the net include W4MLE, W4DFP, W4BWS, and W4CUL 4.

W4MLE, George, of Tallahassee, old QPener and author of the ARRL's Operating Manual got his license renewed and appeared almost magically on 3651 this month. George says he will be on the air more as "the spirit moves him."

W4CUL, Mae, checked in from her winter home near Sarasota and says she and Al will be here until May. New recruit W4DFP, Bill, in Gainesville, is a fugitive from the Buckeye Net some years back. W4BWS, Don, in Melbourne, is also broaching the mysteries of CW as practiced on QPN. K4VFF, Mike will be with us in PC teaching school until June.

Don't forget the QSO party, have a lot of fun.

73...BT...Dan K4EHY...AR N

FLORIDA MIDDAY TRAFFIC NET

by Hero, W4LSR

Congratulations to Gerry, formerly W4AKCZ who passed his Extra Class exam and is now K4QT. Phil, W4BCZ of Sebring did a noble job of feeding us traffic from the Highland County Fair and tallying our traffic count. Ted, W4APLW of Ft. Lauderdale has returned. New stations

in February are Frank, operating K4HYE the station of the U of M Radio Club, Kim W4LZQ in Hollywood and Garry, W41HH in St. Pete.

Good to hear that Jim, W4GDK, is home from the hospital and doing well.

Mac, W4FPC, owned and ran a store for many years. He recently sold it and retired. Not long ago the store burned. Mac has been helping the new owner rebuild and restock it. This is why he hasn't been checking into the net lately. Nice guy, Mac.

Birch, W4ATW hurried off to San Antonio, Texas when he got word his sister is ill. Steve, W4DVH has left for school. Gene, W4SQZ has had a few weeks off and has been checking in quite regularly during the week as well as on Saturdays.

We are going to try to repeat the FLATN Luncheon at the Orlando Hamfest on May 22nd. And our Net Staggerer Clyde, W4DIR hopes to be with us again, possibly for both Saturday and Sunday. We surely hope he can make it, as well as the rest of you. We had a swell time last year. More about it next month.

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NET NEWS

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FORT MYERS CLUB NEWS

By Ken W4KLM

Guest speaker for the March meeting was Phil D. W4KLM. He is a ham who is also Civil Defense Communications Coordinator for the Fort Myers area. He is a ham who is also Civil Defense Communications Coordinator for the Fort Myers area.

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Marion Saunders who was our Secretary last year is now working at Enstrom's. He is a ham who is also Civil Defense Communications Coordinator for the Fort Myers area. He is a ham who is also Civil Defense Communications Coordinator for the Fort Myers area.

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CLINTON SOCIETY

By Phil Alexander W4KLM

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SUNCOAST ROVING REPORTER

By Laila K4P

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DC ARPS

By W4KLM

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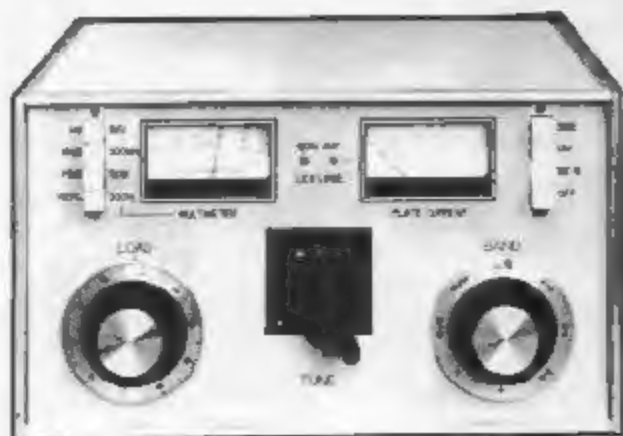
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FOR SALE: Vacuum tube volt meter, PACO model V-70, excellent condition for only \$20.00. Howard Stark WA4MTL, 9221 Caribbean Blvd., Miami, FL Phone 298-9430.

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FOR SALE: Hy-Gain THDXX No. 389-A, brand new in factory carton, \$140.00 firm. FOB Jax. Hy-Gain tri-band quad, No. 244, brand new in factory carton \$80.00 firm. Jax. Pres. Braham W4FDA, 7305 May Apple Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32211 Phone 904-744-4282.

FOR SALE: Heath TX-1 Apache transmitter with SB-10 sideband adapter, both clean, 160 watts c.w. AM or SSB 80 thru 10 meters. \$75.00 or best offer. Tom Hill W4ECB, 110 DeLeon Rd., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 Phone 783-4269.

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FOR SALE: SX-28 general coverage receiver, works good with manual \$45.00. No ship. Speaker for SX-28 \$4.00. Heathkit Vibrator tester, like new \$4.00. Dual 4X5 steel QSL file cabinets \$4.00 each. Holds about 2000 cards. Hallcrafters AM-FM S-65 receiver with instructions \$8.00. Antenna Specialists mobile mount and heavy duty spring new \$4.50. B&W 2KW center dipole connector \$3.50. 6-10 amp Antenna current indicator (IGE) incased with two SO 239 coax fittings \$5.00. Argonne AR-57 Xal mike \$3.00. Johnson 100 kc calibrator with xtal, tube and instructions \$10.00. All FOB. Andy Clark W4IYT, 41 Lenape Dr., Miami Springs, FL 33166 Phone 888-3474.

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GIVE A personal touch to your QSL cards with a Foto Stamp of yourself and rig. Write or come see for prices. W. B. Bulcher, W4NRXS, 1901 North B St., Tampa, Fla. 33608. Phone 251-6408.

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OR LANDO HAMS W4YSF is looking for a new QTH (2 or 3 bedroom) near bus transportation. Any help will be appreciated. G. Samkofsky W4YSF, 201 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11238.

DON'T FORGET 10th IS DEADLINE FOR ALL COPY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR — (Continued from Page 2)

Editor:

Please inquire of your readers for those stations capable of 2 meter SSB to check in at 10 p.m. local time on 145.150. The bulk of the stations now checking in are located in the Tampa Bay area.

Anyone interested in a sled can drop me a line

73

J. Homer W4DPH
1525 Valencia St.
Clearwater, FL 33516

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE CORPS

By Ken, W4SMK

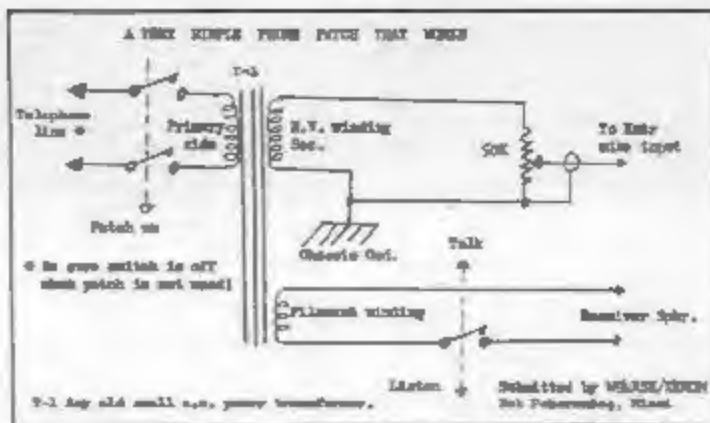
Tornadoes seem to be on the increase in Florida, or maybe it just seems that way due to the better news coverage and increased forecasting now done by the weather service. They may accompany the frequent winter cold fronts that move across the state, and at times tornadoes are born in hurricanes during the Summer season. Like atomic bombs the best defense against a tornado is, "Don't be there when the thing goes off." But all joking aside there are a few precautions that may save your life, even if they won't save your property.

First be alert when the WX bureau broadcasts its tornado alerts, and keep an eye peeled for funnel clouds and other signs. You won't get much warning, so be ready to move fast. If outdoors drive your car, or run, at right angles to the path of the storm. If you are about to get hit anyhow, dive into a ditch or culvert (preferably a dry one) and cover your head and neck with your arms. Flying debris and falling buildings kill a lot of victims.

If indoors in a building with a basement (rare in Florida) that is a good place to hide under a stout table or in a fall-out shelter. Otherwise, duck under a strong table or bed, or jump in a closet which is surrounded by more framing than other areas. Remember the roof may go, and windows will be blown out, and stuff will be flying all over so stay put until you are sure it is over.

When it is all clear go out cautiously, being wary of fires, fallen electric lines, tottering buildings, broken glass, etc. ASAP join with your local AREC or CD emergency group to help out with the communications. Damage will be severe in a narrow path of a few hundred yards, but seldom is an entire town of any size completely damaged, as in a hurricane. Usually power will be on somewhere in town to set up a base station, but mobiles will be needed in the area of greatest damage.

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WORLD SKIP

By Phil Reid, WB4QNC

The DX season is really in full swing and many DX-peditions are planned.

AC3, AC4 — Sikkim and Bhutan — Gus, W4BPD, may be on the run again to these two rare areas around the first of April.

VK9 — Norfolk Is. — VK9NP will open up on March 15 and stay until April 4. He will be operating all bands CW and SSB.

3B9 — Rodriguez — Alex, 3B9DA, is aiming for May for his 3B9DA stunt.

5H3 — Zanzibar — 5H3LV, a will open up from this rare spot March 27-28.

9L1 — Sierra Leone — G3DDY may operate as 9L1GC during mid-March for two weeks and again towards the end of June. He will use all bands, mostly transceive on CW.

CE0Z — Juan Fernandez — CE3HG, 0 had just arrived at this QTH as this was being written and will remain there indefinitely. He has been operating on 14205 at 0000Z.

The following stations are active on the frequencies and times indicated:

JD1 — Bonin Is. — JD1ARX has been active on 28385 kHz at 2245Z.

TT8 — Chad Republic —

TT8AD is on near 14228 at 2200Z. 4S7 — Ceylon — Denver, 4S7DA, is a regular every Saturday and Sunday around 14080 at 1200Z.

7P8 — Lesotho — Doc, 7P8AB, is available on 21315 on Sundays at 1800Z. QSL to W2LGV. FH8 — Comoro Is. — is active on 28515 at 1500Z.

AP — East Pakistan — OR4CL. AP is working in E. Pakistan with the disaster teams and has been on around 1200Z. 5U7 — Niger — Raul, 5U7AW is on 15 CW and on 14218 at 23Z. FR7 — Tromelin — FR7ZU T is active. Listen around 14205.

When QSLing DX stations direct don't forget to include International Reply Coupons (IRCs) and a S.A.S.E. IRCs can be bought at the U.S. Post Office for 15 cents each and can be exchanged in most any foreign country for stamps. These will usually insure a prompt QSL return.

Anyone who would like to contribute information to this column please send it to Phil Reid, WB4QNC, 2928 De Soto Way S., St. Petersburg, Fla., 33712. (Welcome as our new DX editor Phil. Due to job changes, Joe, K4EXT was forced to give it up. Editor)

— COMING EVENTS —

Florida QSO Party	Apr. 3-4
FCC Exams - Jax	Apr. 11
St. Pete Hamfest	May 15
Armed Forces Day	May 15
Orlando Hamfest	May 22-23
State OCWA Dinner, Orlando	May 22
Brandon (BARS) Camporee	June 11-13
ARRL Field Day	June 26-27
Melbourne Hamfest	Sept. 11

NOW CB'ERS FIGHT CB'ERS

The following newspaper item was sent us by Jim Eberwine, WIAPV (from the St. Petersburg Times, by Alan Hopkins)

CLEARWATER — A clearwater man, John C. Brouwer, has written a wrathful note to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), complaining about "flagrant disregard of regulations" on the Citizens radio band.

"Unless you can enforce your regulations, I feel we should let the Citizen's Band become a complete free-for-all and the commission step out of the picture altogether," Brouwer wrote.

As a licensed operator of station KCM 2488, Brouwer says he thinks the FCC should make an example out of two or three or four violators "and hit them with fines or \$300 to \$500."

Brouwer, a claims adjuster who uses a CB radio in his automobile (plus one at home) for business and personal communications, told The Times he's fed up with other CB operators who:

- + Chatter endlessly about nothing cluttering up one or more of the 23-channels allocated for citizen use.

- + Violate regulations by not using station call sign identification.

- + Use illegal linear amplifiers which boost the five-watt legal maximum power to as much as 200 watts or more.

- + Use vulgar and obscene language on the air.

"The 23 channels in the 26.965 to 27.355 megahertz CB band were originally allocated to facilitate two-way radio communications for personal and business purposes. It is illegal as a hobby, but many people use it that way."

(Editors note: Have monitored the CB channels for hours and agree with Mr. Brouwer 100 percent. It is enough to make any amateur sick to hear the countless violations on the CB channels. Apparently the FCC has created a monster which has grown to a point which completely overwhelms their monitoring stations. I counted 32 boot-leg calls in one hour. I dare you to listen any week-end on the CB band — and not get sick.)